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TOPIC Military Information from BernauEVALUATION See below

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REMARKS [redacted]

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1. a. Troops left the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Edelweiss Strasse, Bernau, for an unidentified destination in mid-March 1950. Allegedly without guns and any other heavy weapons, the troops left on trucks on the autobahn at night. There were no rail movements of troops at that time according to railroad officials. The guns and motor vehicles previously observed in and between the garages of the barracks were still there after the troops left the post. The rear detail in the barracks was estimated at 150 men. Trucks [redacted] were identified in a garage on the road leading from Bernau to Schoenow.

- b. The Brieffauben Station (carrier pigeon station), which had been occupied to capacity by troops for a short time, was also observed to have been vacated on 15 March 1950. The cantonment buildings of the station were being repaired by German workmen. The rear detail observed there numbered about 25 men.

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Comment:

a. Component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div are stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne and the Brieftauben Station, Bernau. The report indicates that most of the troops left the post for field exercises in mid-March 1950. The observation of guns and motor vehicles left behind in the barracks shows that the Bernau units were not going to troop training grounds in mid-March 1950. As the movements were reported by only one source, further information is required.

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b. [redacted] the Bernau Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div which was confirmed there by another source up to 28 February 1950.

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c. Gds Colonel Shapovalov is not known. His signing as CO of [redacted] is indicative of his being the present CO of the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Gds Colonel Novikov was last mentioned as division commander in a Soviet document of 25 June 1949).

Gds Captain Ryzhkov has been known as CO of the headquarters company of the Hq 6th Gds Mecz Div since 25 June 1949 (Soviet document).

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